IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	F ' II ' 1
Hiromichi HARA	;	Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned	;)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: September 10, 2003)	
For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE USING THE SAME) :)	September 10, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. A copy of the listed documents is also enclosed.

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Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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APPLICATION NO. Unassigned ATTY. DOCKET NO. FORM PTO 1449 (modified) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 00862.023231 APPLICANT HIROMICHI HARA LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) (Use several sheets if necessary) September 10, 2003 **GROUP Unassigned** FILING DATE September 10, 2003 U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS FILING DATE DOCUMENT NUMBER *EXAMINER INITIAL NAME CLASS SUBCLASS DATE TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT SUBCLASS CLASS COUNTRY DATE DOCUMENT NUMBER ABST. 10/22/1996 Japan 8-279458 ABST. 9/16/1994 Japan 6-260385 OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.) DATE CONSIDERED **EXAMINER**

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